

MY FATHER! AH! METHINKS I SEE

From "Hercules" (1744)

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Larghetto e mezzo piano (♩ = 69)

SOPRANO

PIANO

mp

*Pa. * Pa. **

My fa - ther! ah! methinks I

p cresc. fp p

see The sword in-flict the dead - ly wound; He bleeds, he

falls in a - go - ny. He bleeds, he falls in a - go -

ny, Dy - ing he bites the crim - son ground, Dy - ing he

bites the crim - son ground, Dy - ing he bites the crim - son

ground. My fa-ther! ah, me-thinks I see The sword in - flict the dead - ly

f *p*

wound; He bleeds, he falls in a - go - ny, Dy - ing he bites the

Adagio
colla voce

Larghetto e piano (♩ = 72)

crim - son ground.

p

Peace - ful rest, peace - ful rest, dear

p

par - - ent shade, dear par - - ent shade,

Light the earth be on thee laid! In thy

daugh - ter's pi - - ous mind All thy vir - tues, all thy

vir - - tues live en - shrined.

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note 'vir', followed by a quarter note '- tues', a half note 'live' with a long horizontal line underneath, and a quarter note 'en - shrined.' The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a right hand with a continuous eighth-note chordal pattern and a left hand with a simple bass line.

In thy daugh - ter's pi - - ous mind All thy vir - tues,

The second system. The vocal line continues with 'In thy daugh - ter's pi - - ous mind All thy vir - tues,'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture. Dynamic markings *pp* and *p* are present in the piano part.

all thy vir - tues live en - shrined, In thy

The third system. The vocal line continues with 'all thy vir - tues live en - shrined, In thy'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture.

daugh - ter's pi - - ous mind All thy vir - tues

The fourth system. The vocal line concludes with 'daugh - ter's pi - - ous mind All thy vir - tues'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture.

live en - shrined; Peace-ful rest, dear par - ent shade,

pp

In thy daugh - ter's pi - ous mind All thy

vir - tues live en - shrined.

p

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